

MEPA/NEPA/HB495 CHECKLIST

PART I. PROPOSED ACTION DESCRIPTION

1. Type of Proposed State Action Parking lot improvements at York Bridge Fishing Access Site(FAS), construction of a new access road, installation of an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible permanent dock and installation of electric power and a drip irrigation system.
2. Agency Authority for the Proposed Action Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Sec.23-1-102 and Sec. 23-1-110, MCA.
3. Name of Project York Bridge FAS Site Improvement Project

4. Name, Address and Phone Number of Project Sponsor (if other than the agency)
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks
Region 3 Office, 1400 S. 19th Ave.
Bozeman, MT 59715

5. Estimated Construction/Commencement Date: Construction Phase I- Spring 2000, Construction Phase II- Unknown

Estimated Completion Date Phase I Spring 2000, Phase II Unknown

Current Status of Project Design (% complete) 80%

6. Location Affected by Proposed Action (county, range and township)

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks property(York Bridge FAS) located in Lewis and Clark County at Township 11N, Range 2W, section 14, east 1/2

7. Project Size: Estimate the number of acres that would be directly affected that are currently:

	<u>Acres</u>		<u>Acres</u>
(a) Developed:		(d) Floodplain.....	_____
residential	_____		
industrial	_____	(e) Productive:	
	3.5	Irrigated cropland.....	_____
(b) Open Space/Woodlands/Recreation .	_____	dry cropland.....	_____
		Forestry.....	_____
(c) Wetlands/Riparian Areas	_____	Rangeland.....	_____
		Other.....	_____

8. **Map/site plan:** attach an original 8 1/2" x 11" or larger section of the most recent USGS 7.5' series topographic map showing the location and boundaries of the area that would be affected by the proposed action. A different map scale may be substituted if more appropriate or if required by agency rule. If available, a site plan should also be attached.

***See attached Appendix A and E

9. **Narrative Summary of the Proposed Action or Project including the Benefits and Purpose of the Proposed Action.**

The proposed action is to improve the parking facilities located at York Bridge FAS by redesigning and expanding the parking facilities currently located at the site. A development plan was completed by the FWP Design and Construction Bureau and is attached as Appendix A. A one way directional roadway will be constructed and the existing roadway to access the upper parking area will be reclaimed. Another component of the project is to construct an ADA accessible permanent dock adjacent to the boat ramp and parallel with the shoreline. This project also includes adding electric power to the site and a drip irrigation system. The proposed project is not intended to appreciably increase the site capacity. Currently the site is randomly covered and often over crowded with angler vehicles. This practice has destroyed vegetative cover and resulted in fewer anglers being accommodated by the site.

Another component of this project is to phase out overnight camping at York Bridge FAS by September 2001. The newly developed BLM campground at Devils Elbow should be sufficient to accommodate the demand for overnight camping. By phasing out overnight camping we can reduce impacts to the site and focus on the primary uses of the site, which are day use, motor boat launching and angling.

The benefits of the proposed action include a safer, larger, more efficient parking area with one way traffic flow. Another benefit will be the addition of a permanent dock to accommodate shoulder season use while the floating dock is removed. The new dock will replace the existing plastic dock and it will be ADA accessible. Public Safety will greatly increase with the addition of the permanent dock due to its stability and increased width. The addition of a drip irrigation system will be a great benefit for rehabilitating over used areas and getting new vegetation started.

The purpose of the proposed action is to rehabilitate and improve York Bridge Fishing Access Site to accommodate the increasing levels of use. York Bridge FAS experiences an average of 40,000 visits per year and Hauser Reservoir was ranked the number 9 fishery for 1999 in the state of Montana. Hauser Reservoir has very little public access and York Bridge FAS is the only free public boat launch on the entire reservoir so it is critical that this site be maintained and improved to accommodate the increasing use.

The preferred alternative contains the following:

PHASE I

Expand and widen the upper level parking area.
Begin routing new one way road system
Rehabilitate existing primitive road

PHASE II

Complete road system
Install permanent dock
Install underground electrical connection
Complete landscaping
Install drip irrigation system
Phase out over night camping

10. Listing of any other Local, State or Federal agency that has overlapping or additional jurisdiction.

(a) Permits:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Permit</u>	<u>Date Filed/#</u>
Army Corps of Engineers	404 permit	
Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks,	Fisheries 124 permit	
State Historic Preservation Office-	Archaeological clearance	

(b) Funding:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Funding Amount</u>
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PHASE I, funded by fees collected on the county level in lieu of taxes from motor boat registrations. Commonly known as BIL funds or Boat In Lieu. (\$23,500)

PHASE II, Funding pending

(c) Other Overlapping or Additional Jurisdictional Responsibilities:

<u>Agency Name</u>	<u>Type of Responsibility</u>
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N/A

11. List of Agencies Consulted During Preparation of the EA:

Army Corps Of Engineers

State Historic Preservation Office

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks- Fisheries Division

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks- Design and Construction Bureau

PART II. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

1. <u>LAND RESOURCES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
> a. Soil instability or changes in geologic substructure?		X				
b. Disruption, displacement, erosion, compaction, moisture loss, or over-covering of soil which would reduce productivity or fertility?			X		yes	See 1b
> c. Destruction, covering or modification of any unique geologic or physical features?		X				
d. Changes in siltation, deposition or erosion patterns that may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed or shore of a lake?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to earthquakes, landslides, ground failure, or other natural hazard?		X				
f. Other (list)						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

1b. A minor amount of soil displacement will occur during construction of the road, however this will be mitigated by reclaiming the old road to its natural state.

2. <u>AIR</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
> a. Emission of air pollutants or deterioration of ambient air quality? (also see 13 (c))			X		yes	See 2a
b. Creation of objectionable odors?		X				
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture, or temperature patterns or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?		X				
d. Adverse effects on vegetation, including crops, due to increased emissions of pollutants?		X				
e. ♦For P-R/D-J projects, will the project result in any discharge which will conflict with federal or state air quality regs? (Also see 2a)						
f. Other						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Air Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

2a There will be a temporary increase in emission of air pollutants during the construction phase of this project.

○ Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

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- Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)

• Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.

♦♦ Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

3. WATER	IMPACT°				Can Impact Be Mitigated°	Comment Index
	Unknown°	None	Minor°	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
a. Discharge into surface water or any alteration of surface water quality including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		X				
b. Changes in drainage patterns or the rate and amount of surface runoff?		X				
c. Alteration of the course or magnitude of flood water or other flows?		X				
d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body or creation of a new water body?		X				
e. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?		X				
f. Changes in the quality of groundwater?		X				
g. Changes in the quantity of groundwater?		X				
h. Increase in risk of contamination of surface or groundwater?		X				
i. Effects on any existing water right or reservation?		X				
j. Effects on other water users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quality?		X				
k. Effects on other users as a result of any alteration in surface or groundwater quantity?		X				
♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project affect a designated floodplain? (Also see 3c)						
m. ♦For P-R/D-J, will the project result in any discharge that will affect federal or state water quality regulations? (Also see 3a)						
n. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Water Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

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PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

4. <u>VEGETATION</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT°				Can Impact Be Mitigated°	Comment Index
	Unknown°	None	Minor°	Potentially Significant		
a. Changes in the diversity, productivity or abundance of plant species (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?		X				
b. Alteration of a plant community?		X				
c. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
d. Reduction in acreage or productivity of any agricultural land?		X				
e. Establishment or spread of noxious weeds?		X				
f. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project affect wetlands, or prime and unique farmland?						
g. Other:						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

> 5. <u>FISH/WILDLIFE</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT°				Can Impact Be Mitigated°	Comment Index
	Unknown°	None	Minor°	Potentially Significant		
a. Deterioration of critical fish or wildlife habitat?		X				
b. Changes in the diversity or abundance of game animals or bird species?		X				
c. Changes in the diversity or abundance of nongame species?		X				
d. Introduction of new species into an area?		X				
e. Creation of a barrier to the migration or movement of animals?		X				
f. Adverse effects on any unique, rare, threatened, or endangered species?		X				
g. Increase in conditions that stress wildlife populations or limit abundance (including harassment, legal or illegal harvest or other human activity)?		X				
h. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project be performed in any area in which T&E species are present, and will the project affect any T&E species or their habitat? (Also see 5f)						
i. ♦For P-R/D-J, will the project introduce or export any species not presently or historically occurring in the receiving location? (Also see 5d)						
j. Other:						

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HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

6. <u>NOISE/ELECTRICAL EFFECTS</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
a. Increases in existing noise levels?			X		yes	See 6a
b. Exposure of people to serve or nuisance noise levels?		X				
c. Creation of electrostatic or electromagnetic effects that could be detrimental to human health or property?		X				
d. Interference with radio or television reception and operation?		X				
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

6a. There will be a temporary increase in noise levels during the construction phase of this project.

7. <u>LAND USE</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of or interference with the productivity or profitability of the existing land use of an area?		X				
b. Conflicted with a designated natural area or a of unusual scientific or educational ortance?		X				
c. Conflict with any existing land use whose presence would constrain or potentially prohibit the proposed action?		X				
d. Adverse effects on or relocation of residences?		X				
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

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Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.o.uv4-1a (ARM)

Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.

Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

8. <u>RISK/HEALTH HAZARDS</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT°				Can Impact Be Mitigated°	Comment Index
	Unknown°	None	Minor°	Potentially Significant		
a. Risk of an explosion or release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to oil, pesticides, chemicals, or radiation) in the event of an accident or other forms of disruption?		X				
b. Affect an existing emergency response or emergency evacuation plan or create a need for a new plan?		X				
c. Creation of any human health hazard or potential hazard?		X				
d. ♦For P-R/D-J, will any chemical toxicants be used? (Also see 8a)						
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

9. <u>COMMUNITY IMPACT</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT°				Can Impact Be Mitigated°	Comment Index
	Unknown°	None	Minor°	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?		X				
b. Alteration of the social structure of a community?		X				
c. Alteration of the level or distribution of employment or community or personal income?		X				
d. Changes in industrial or commercial activity?		X				
e. Increased traffic hazards or effects on existing transportation facilities or patterns of movement of people and goods?		X				
f. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

○ Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

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HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

10. <u>PUBLIC SERVICES/TAXES/UTILITIES</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
a. Will the proposed action have an effect upon or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas: fire or police protection, schools, parks/recreational facilities, roads or other public maintenance, water supply, sewer or septic systems, solid waste disposal, health, or other governmental services? If any, specify:		X				
b. Will the proposed action have an effect upon the local or state tax base and revenues?		X				
c. Will the proposed action result in a need for new facilities or substantial alterations of any of the following utilities: electric power, natural gas, other fuel supply or distribution systems, or communications?		X				
d. Will the proposed action result in increased used of any energy source?			X		YES	See10d.
> e. Define projected revenue sources						See 10e.
> f. Define projected maintenance costs.						See 10f.
g. Other:						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

10d. This project will result in increased levels of electric use at the site. Electricity will be used for the drip irrigation system and will not cause a significant increase in electric usage.

The revenue for phase one of this project is from fees collected on the county level in lieu of taxes for motor boat registrations. Commonly known as Boat In Lieu or BIL funds. The revenue for phase two of this project has not been identified.

10f. Maintenance costs associated with this project will be funded from the Helena Area Resource Office Fishing Access Site Operations and Maintenance budget. (approximately \$500 annually).

Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.8.604-1a (ARM)

Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.

Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

> 11. <u>AESTHETICS/RECREATION</u> Will the proposed action result in:	IMPACT°				Can Impact Be Mitigated°	Comment Index
	Unknown°	None	Minor°	Potentially Significant		
a. Alteration of any scenic vista or creation of an aesthetically offensive site or effect that is open to public view?		X				
b. Alteration of the aesthetic character of a community or neighborhood?		X				
>c. Alteration of the quality or quantity of recreational/tourism opportunities and settings? (Attach Tourism Report)			X		Yes	See 11C. below
d. ♦For P-R/D-J, will any designated or proposed wild or scenic rivers, trails or wilderness areas be impacted? (Also see 11a, 11c)						
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

11C. This project will enhance tourism, improve visitor services, and improve access to the site. See attached Tourism Report (appendix D).

○ Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.
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 ✓ Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.6.004-1a (ARM)
 ♦ Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.
 ♦♦ Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

HUMAN ENVIRONMENT

12. CULTURAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action result in:						
>a. Destruction or alteration of any site, structure or object of prehistoric historic, or paleontological importance?		X				
b. Physical change that would affect unique cultural values?		X				
c. Effects on existing religious or sacred uses of a site or area?		X				
d. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, will the project affect historic or cultural resources? Attach SHPO letter of clearance. (Also see 12.a)						See 4d. Below
e. Other: _____						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

4d. Refer to attached State Historic Preservation Office letter of clearance.

13. SUMMARY EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE	IMPACT ^o				Can Impact Be Mitigated ^o	Comment Index
	Unknown ^o	None	Minor ^o	Potentially Significant		
Will the proposed action, considered as a whole:						
a. Have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project or gram may result in impacts on two or more rate resources which create a significant effect when considered together or in total.)		X				
b. Involve potential risks or adverse effects which are uncertain but extremely hazardous if they were to occur?		X				
c. Potentially conflict with the substantive requirements of any local, state, or federal law, regulation, standard or formal plan?		X				
d. Establish a precedent or likelihood that future actions with significant environmental impacts will be proposed?		X				
e. Generate substantial debate or controversy about the nature of the impacts that would be created?		X				
f. ♦For P-R/D-J, is the project expected to have organized opposition or generate substantial public controversy? (Also see 13e)						
g. ♦♦For P-R/D-J, list any federal or state permits required.						

Narrative Description and Evaluation of the Cumulative and Secondary Effects on Land Resources (Attach additional pages of narrative if needed):

Include a narrative explanation under Part III describing the scope and level of impact. If the impact is unknown, explain why the unknown impact has not or can not be evaluated.

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Include a narrative description addressing the items identified in 12.a.004-1a (ARM)

Determine whether the described impact may result and respond on the checklist. Describe any minor or potentially significant impacts.

Include a discussion about the issue in the EA narrative and include documentation if it will be useful.

2. **Description and analysis of reasonable alternatives (including the no action alternative) to the proposed action whenever alternatives are reasonably available and prudent to consider and a discussion of how the alternatives would be implemented:**

Alternative #1. (preferred alternative) Construct a new one way road system with expanded parking facilities, install a new permanent dock, install electronic drip irrigation system and replace vegetation as planned. (see page 2)

Alternative #2. Complete parking and roadway improvements only. This alternative would not address over crowding at the existing docks or the need for irrigation and replacing vegetation.

Alternative #3. No action, no improvements to the site. This alternative would not address public safety issues, resource degradation or rehabilitating over used areas.

3. **Evaluation and listing of mitigation, stipulation, or other control measures enforceable by the agency or another government agency:**

All impacts cited are minor. Any areas disturbed by the construction phase of the project will be reclaimed.

4. **Based on the significance criteria evaluated in this EA, is an EIS required? YES / NO If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is the appropriate level of analysis for this proposed action:**

The proposed action does not require an EIS because there will be no significant impacts. An EA is the appropriate level of analysis for the proposed action.

5. **Describe the level of public involvement for this project if any and, given the complexity and the seriousness of the environmental issues associated with the proposed action, is the level of public involvement appropriate under the circumstances?**

A legal notice describing the proposed modification and comment period shall be published twice in local newspapers, the newspaper of the state capital, and on the state's electronic bulletin board. In addition, a statewide press release shall be sent to the print and broadcast media.

6. Duration of comment period if any:

30 days March 15, 2000 through April 15, 2000

Send comments to: Craig Marr
Helena Area Resource Office
Region 3 Montana Fish Wildlife and parks
930 Custer Ave.
Helena, MT 59620

7. Name, title, address and phone number of the Person(s) Responsible for Preparing the EA:

Craig Marr, Parks Operations Specialist, 930 Custer Ave. Helena, MT

PART III. NARRATIVE EVALUATION AND COMMENT

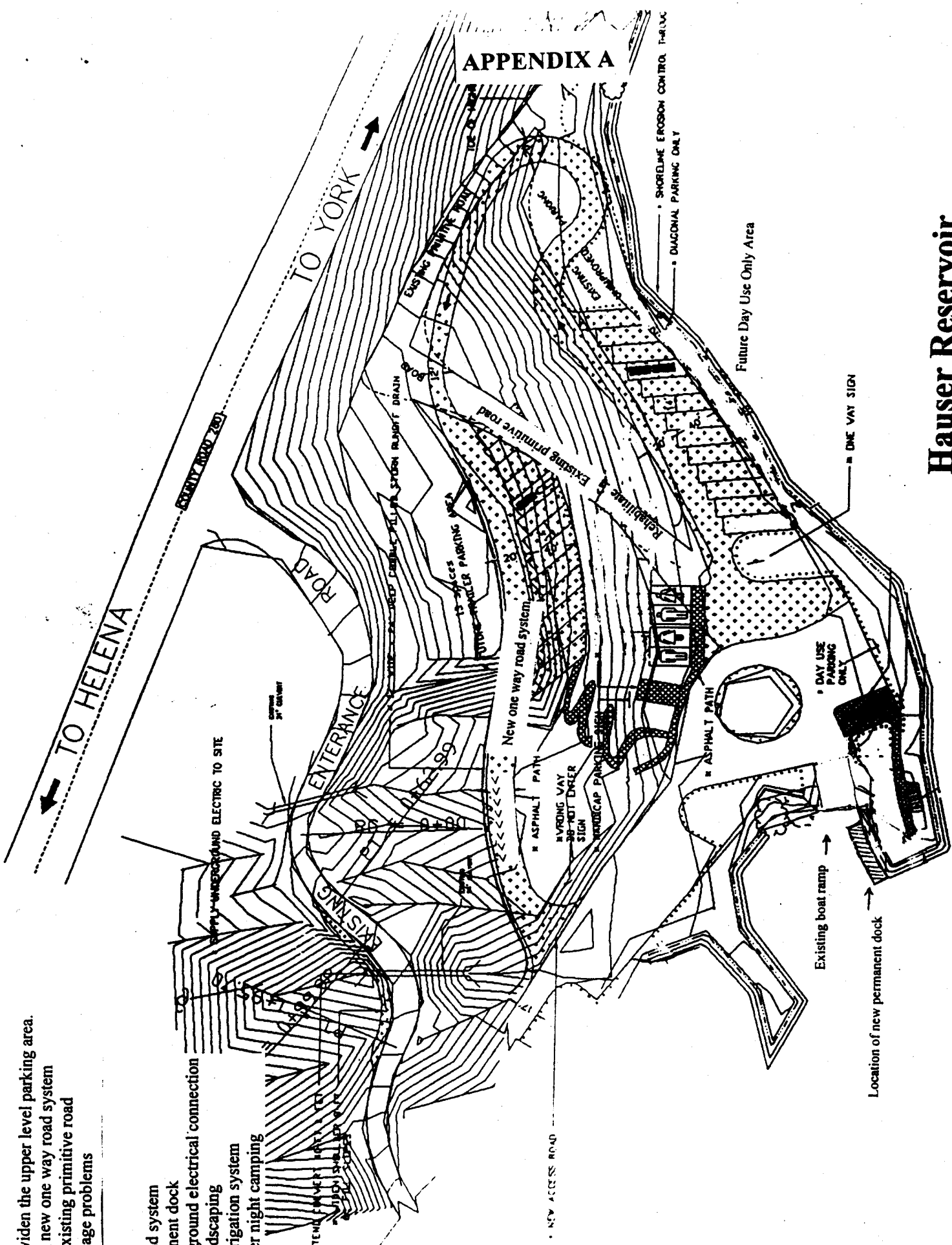
The construction of the proposed project at York Bridge Fishing Access Site will have no significant impacts. The new construction will actually benefit the site by reducing degradation of existing resources and rehabilitating over used areas. This project will benefit the public by providing additional parking space for boat trailers and vehicles. The public will also benefit from the one-way traffic flow and additional docking space while launching and removing boats.

Long range planning- The development of this project will have a positive effect on parks division long range planning and the state park system as a whole. This project will address issues related to protecting natural resources, public safety and exceeding visitor expectations as identified in the parks 2020 Vision document and the Parks Division Six-year plans.

- Expand and widen the upper level parking area.
- Begin routing new one way road system
- Rehabilitate existing primitive road
- Address drainage problems

PHASE II

- Complete road system
- Install permanent dock
- Install underground electrical connection
- Complete landscaping
- Install drip irrigation system
- Phase out over night camping



Hauser Reservoir

APPENDIX B

PROJECT QUALIFICATION CHECKLIST HB 495

Date Feb 28, 2000 Person Reviewing CRAIG MARR

Project Location: YORK BRIDGE Fishing Access Site

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED WORK: Construct new Roadway, Rehabilitate existing Roadway, install perm-Dock, Landscaping and drip Irrigation System.

The following checklist is intended to be a guide for determining whether a proposed development or improvement is of enough significance to fall under HB 495 rules. (Please check ☒ all that apply and comment as necessary.) Capital Construction projects - Prepared by D & C; Force Account Projects - Prepared by Region.

☒ A. New roadway or trail built over undisturbed land?
Comments: _____

☐ B. New building construction (buildings < 100 sf and vault latrines exempt)?
Comments: _____

☒ C. Any excavation of 20 c.y. or greater?
Comments: _____

☒ D. New parking lots built over undisturbed land or expansion of existing lot that increases parking capacity by 25% or more?
Comments: _____

☐ E. Any new shoreline alteration that exceeds a double wide boat ramp or handicapped fishing station?

Comments: _____

☐ F. Any new construction into lakes, reservoirs, or streams?

Comments: _____

☐ G. Any new construction in an area with National Registry quality cultural artifacts (as determined by State Historical Preservation Office)?

Comments: _____

☐ H. Any new above ground utility lines?

Comments: _____

☒ I. Any increase or decrease in campsites of 25% or more of an existing number of campsites?

Comments: With The BLM Development of Devils Elbow
Fwp will Reduce camping AT York Bridge FAS.

☐ J. Proposed project significantly changes the existing features or use pattern; including effects of a series of individual projects.

Comments: _____

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ARE CHECKED, HB 495 RULES APPLY TO THIS PROPOSED WORK AND SHOULD BE DOCUMENTED ON THE MEPA/HP495 CHECKLIST. Refer to MEPA/HB495 Cross Reference Summary for further assistance.

CC: Region 3 Park Manager
Martha Williams
Ken Phillips
Project File

APPENDIX C



Montana Historical Society

Historic Preservation Office

1410 8th Avenue • PO Box 201202 • Helena, MT 59620-1202 • (406) 444-7715 • FAX (406) 444-6575

April 15, 1997

Mike Sullivan
Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Helena Resource Office
930 Custer Avenue W.
Helena, MT 59620

RE: Cultural Resource File Search - York Bridge FAS T11N, R2W Sec. 14 LC Co.

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I have conducted a cultural resource file search for the above cited legal location. Currently, there are known historic or archaeological properties in the area. There have been three previous cultural resource inventories in the area. I have enclosed a list of these three reports which list basic information such as author, title, and date completed.

We feel that because of the previous inventory of the area, the lack of cultural properties, and that the area has been previously disturbed that there is a very low likelihood of cultural properties being effected by this project. Thank you for consulting with us.

If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (406)-444-7767 or by E-mail at pmelton@mt.gov.

Sincerely,

Phillip Melton
Cultural Records Manager

File: FWP/1997

APPENDIX D

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT (MEPA) HB 495 TOURISM REPORT

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has initiated the review process as mandated by HB 495 and the Montana Environmental Policy Act in its consideration of the project described below. As part of the review process, input and comments are being solicited. Please complete the project name and project description portions and submit this form to:

Victor Bjorberg Tourism Development Coordinator
Montana Promotion Division
Department of Commerce
1424 9th Avenue
Helena, MT 59620-0533

Project Name YORK BRIDGE Improvement Project.

Project Description IMPROVE PARKING facilities, boat TRAILER parking, Rehabilitate Shoreline, ADD Landscaping And Irrigation. Install farm Dock.

1. Would this site development project have a impact on the tourism economy?

☒ NO

☐ YES

If YES, briefly describe:

2. Does this impending improvement alter the quality or quantity of recreation/tourism opportunities and settings?

☐ NO

☒ YES

If YES, briefly describe:

Project appears focused on improving visitor/ user services and access to this facility.

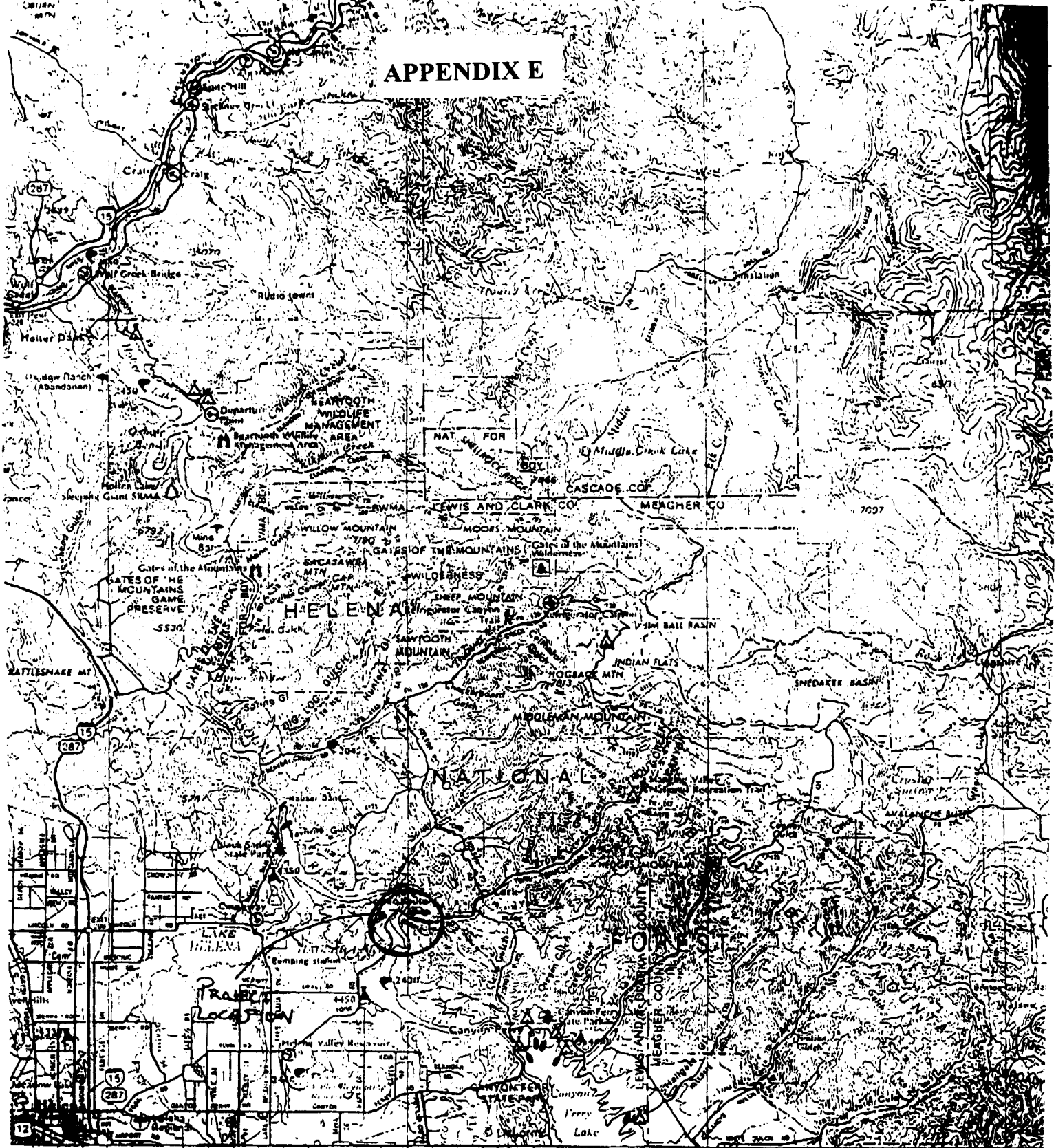
Signature

Victor Bjorberg

Date

2-24-2000

APPENDIX E



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Contour interval
200 feet (61 meters)

